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Mr. Arthur L. Tait, Area Manager Bureau of Land Management Beaver River Resource Area 365 South Main Street Cedar City, Utah 84720

Re:

Notice of Intention to Commence Exploration Activities, Ag Button/de Oro Project, Beaver

County, Utah

Dear Mr. Tait:

Thank you for forwarding the Notice of Intention to Commence Exploration Activities for Monarch Mining Company, Inc's, Ag Button/de Oro exploration Project, located in Sections 23, 24, & 25, T27S, R7W, Beaver County, Utah. Your agency's designated project number is UTU72176, 72177 and 72178.

This letter is to inform you that the Division has evaluated the above mentioned BLM Notice of Intent for completeness. As proposed, the application only involves *non-mechanized* (i.e., pick and shovel) work. This level/type of mining-related activity does not meet the disturbance criteria which would allow us to categorize it as a Notice level activity. Therefore, we cannot presently process this application under our regulatory program rules.

Should the operator/claimant revise the notice to include more significant surface disturbing activities, especially those involving *mechanized equipment* (blasting, drilling, trenching, road building, etc.), then we will need to process the NOI and issue a State exploration permit.

Thank you for your cooperation. If you receive further information or amendments for this operation, please notify us so we will be able to update our files accordingly.

Sincerely,

D. Wayne Hedberg Permit Supervisor

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cc: Adrian Gerritsen, Monarch Mining

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